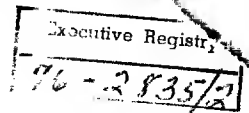


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Richard Lehman
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Estimates Advisory Panel

1. We have received comments on the terms of reference for the Advisory Panel from most of the NFIB members. Generally, they favor the idea, while raising some questions about procedures and composition of the Panel.

2. We also have a composite list (at the moment far too long) of names suggested by NFIB members, NIOs, and various offices in CIA. We will shortly be discussing this list within the NIO office, and will send you recommendations, along with the composite list.

3. Meanwhile, I attach a draft letter from you to NFIB members which is designed to respond to their expressed concerns about the Panel. It conveys explicit reassurances about some of these concerns (e.g., lest the Panel usurp NFIB's authority, lest it be packed with bright young professors, lest it be fed with selected evidence, etc.). It implicitly makes clear that the Panel is to be advisory to you and appointed by you (Sam Wilson argued that NFIB should participate in the selection; I think you would want to hold the line against that concession, and, if so, you or I should talk to Sam about this personally). I attach copies of the letters from Sam, Treasury, and Air Force.

Richard Lehman

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Attachments

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